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Update for the Bond Election Advisory Task Force

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This document is the fourth of regular updates to be provided to the Bond Election Advisory Task Force on community input received during the bond development process.

This report provides public comments and input received between March 7th and March 27th, 2012 from the following sources:

- Data from allocation exercise at in-person workshops
- Data from allocation exercise online
- Comments given at Community Workshops
- Comments given via online allocator tool
- Emails sent to bonddevelopment@austintexas.gov
- Comments provided online on SpeakUpAustin.org

ALLOCATION EXERCISE DATA

By the time of this report, 318 people had participated in the allocation exercise online, while well over 100 people had attended community workshops held at First Evangelical Church in the southwest section of the city, Gus Garcia Recreation Center in the Northeast, and Dove Springs Recreation Center in the Southeast. A fourth workshop at Anderson High School in the northwest section of the city will take place Saturday, March 31st at 2pm. Attendance and participation at the in-person workshops is a conservative estimate based on numbers of participants who signed in; at all of the workshops, a number of participants arrived later and did not sign in but did participate actively in the exercises.

Presented below are average scores for the allocation exercise under the \$400 million, \$300 million, and \$200 million scenarios, from the three workshops and the online survey.

\$400 million allocation	Workshop Results		Online Survey Results	
Affordable Housing	14%	\$55 million	20%	\$79 million
City Facilities	24%	\$94 million	17%	\$69 million
Parks & Open Space	26%	\$105 million	27%	\$109 million
Transportation/Mobility	37%	\$146 million	36%	\$143 million

\$300 million allocation	Workshop Results		Online Survey Results	
Affordable Housing	11%	\$34 million	20%	\$60 million
City Facilities	24%	\$72 million	18%	\$53 million
Parks & Open Space	30%	\$89 million	27%	\$82 million
Transportation/Mobility	36%	\$108 million	35%	\$106 million



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\$200 million allocation	Workshop Results		Online Survey Results	
Affordable Housing	11%	\$22 million	20%	\$40 million
City Facilities	23%	\$46 million	17%	\$34 million
Parks & Open Space	28%	\$56 million	28%	\$55 million
Transportation/Mobility	37%	\$74 million	35%	\$70 million

For the workshops, based on dot voting, the following are results from the listing of top ten projects in the needs assessment:

- 1) North Lamar Boulevard Corridor Improvements (59)
- 2) Housing Affordability (47)
- 3) Burnet Road Corridor Improvements (43)
- 4) APD Main Headquarters (42)
- 5) City Wide sidewalks, curbs, ramps, and gutters (39)
- 6) North Lamar Streetscape and Roadway Improvements (Research Blvd. to Rundberg) (37)
- 7) Gus Garcia Neighborhood Park (32)
- 8) Neighborhood Parks—Improvements and Renovations (25)
- 9) District Parks—Improvements and Renovations (19)
- 10) PARD Land Acquisitions, Neighborhood Plan Sidewalks Program, and Neighborhood Plan Parks Improvements and Open Space Program (tied) (18)

The list of dot votes received for each needs assessment project/program is provided as an appendix to this report.

Because participants were able to “write in” their top ten projects in the online survey and on comment cards at the workshops, this data takes longer to analyze. The results from these sources will be provided in the next community input update.

OTHER COMMUNITY INPUT

Citizens had an opportunity to provide additional comments for Bond Election Advisory Task Force consideration by filling out comment cards at in-person workshops; adding comments to their online allocation exercise forms; sending an email to bonddevelopment@austintexas.gov, leaving a message or text to the hotline (512) 539-0060, commenting via social media, and/or commenting on Speak Up Austin.

The following comments were provided through one or more of those methods between March 7th and March 27th, 2012. (Organization of comments provided by staff.)



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Bond Development Process comments

- This is a substantive exercise-- I really appreciate you putting it up here. A few suggestions-- (1) category names for the bond packages do not match the categories in the Needs Assessment. (2) The \$ inputs for each category do not provide suggestions (i.e., sliders) regarding where funding levels fit within what the departments actually need. (3) When listing 10 top projects, there is no drop-down to select a project; you have to go find the name/code and type it in. Thanks.
- I would like the option to have listed the needs I see in my specific community. Ill take the time to take the surveys and make comments.
- I'm a current University of Texas student. I find that the program at hand was a bit "childish" I feel the way the presentations were presented worked well to inform our community but the 400 million, 300 million, and 100 million was a bit elementary. People should have been able to sit and discuss freely.
- Solo tres paginas en espanol, no traduccion, no bordes o presentacion. (Only three pages in Spanish, no translation of posters or presentation.)
- Concern that these exercises will not have any meaningful impact on what actually is provided in the bond package.
- Interesting meeting exercise. Good information. Please involve communities earlier!
- The meeting was informative and helpful. I would favor a package no smaller than 300 million be proposed.
- Our facilitator was Great!
- Great meeting
- Next time- find a place w/more parking please!
- We should be able to vote on specific funding. Not possible with this practice. Many will vote against "bulk" bond proposals, as shown this evening. Even if like some items- needs to vote on specifics
- I find this process frustrating. I hate to eliminate any project without hearing from the person/group that proposed it. We were all pretty casual about agreeing to a project to be added to the pot without seriously considering the merits of it-after all, it was play money!



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Affordable Housing - related comments

- We, the undersigned members of the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory (DACC) Board, are writing to affirm our absolute support for the allocation of \$110 million of the upcoming bond package for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in Austin. As residents we face the consequences of the lack of PSH in Austin on a daily basis, and as DACC Board members we constantly see the chronically negative impact the lack of PSH has on our client population. Austin has a large disadvantaged population, and both the city and the county must provide social services to those in need. However, if individuals receiving social services are not first housed in PSH, those resources are essentially being wasted. Housing is essential to these individuals, especially those on the path to recovery from addiction, mental illness, unemployment, and other detrimental situations. Housing serves as an anchor for these individuals and must be in place before other support services and resources can be effective. We also want to specifically emphasize the critical need for low-barrier PSH, the Housing First model. Many of our homeless cannot qualify for PSH as currently configured because the eligibility criteria is too restrictive (excludes substance use, more extensive criminal backgrounds, etc.). By denying housing to this segment of the homeless population we are doing an extreme disservice to those in need and to taxpayers who continually receive and pay for ineffective social services, respectively. As such, we strongly recommend that you allocate \$110 million of the bond package funds to Affordable Housing with 20% of those funds allocated to new, low-barrier PSH (housing first) units in Austin.
- I say there should be more security or surveillance around this area with more affordable housing.
- There is a need for education w/affordable housing. There seems to be a misconception that it is only for the city to build and maintain housing facilities- Granted the words "supportive housing" appear on materials, but some didn't realize that the funds would also extend to non-profits that do the heavy lifting. Also we would like to see more geographic representation on the east and SE parts of town.
- Affordable transitional housing for children aging out of the foster care system so they can transition into society in a safe, secure, supportive environment in/those of similar backgrounds close to transportation. Work with Walter Moreau on this!
- Colony Park does not need or want affordable housing. We need our park land to be developed. We need infrastructure and something such as a hospital, acc campus etc. we need street improvements in our neighborhood.

City Facilities – related comments

- Oak Springs Library needs lots of care!
- Need APD substation in SE Austin
- Health facility with senior center. Police store front.
- Police substation in SE Austin.
- APD substation; Health multi purpose facility full; fund facility for river city youth foundation
- South east substation. Southeast health clinic.



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- Southeast police substation; southeast health clinic
- Please allocate funds to the south east quadrant of Austin. Parks, police, public transportation is absolutely necessary. Please Help!
- It is important to me, as a resident of Dove Springs 78744 to have funds allocated in our area! My specific area of concern is safety! Police substations, 911 dispatch/comm. Centers. A southeast Police substation is both needed and wanted. Any area of improvement will only be defaced, vandalized and destroyed if the neighborhood does not have adequate police patrol and involvement. Home owners like myself are more likely to move than await for hopes of improvement.
- Need more police help in reducing crime. Residents and property owners do not feel safe at night in some parks due to crime. Gangs and connections to Mexican cartels are feared to be increasing. My own property has been burglarized and vandalized to the point we are removing all buildings (2 were burned in the last 4-5 years). Low income apartments have been added without increases in city/government services. Low income housing residents should have stronger requirements for keeping kids in school and performing well academically and other positive activities.
- Need to balance the resources spent by city to make up for historic deficiencies. Southeast Austin has not been receiving a fair share of city bond money for decades. Need a library in southeast Austin south of WM. Cannon. Need police substation in southeast.
- EMS and Fire needs with APD.
- Building Renovation (do it right);
- a better larger library in 78758.
- Comprehensive Health facility with senior center; police substation;
- I want all the bond money to go to PARD & library projects w an emphasis for Gus Garcia Park.
- Walnut Creek library is inadequate for the numbers of patrons.
- Fire, EMS, and Police improvements in north central Austin.

Parks & Open Space – related comments

- More parks in east Austin-especially on the western part of Govalle/Johnston terrace (the city-owned lots on tillery south of goodwin would be perfect!)
- rec center south of WM cannon
- Need park development in southeast. Need improvement to soccer fields at dove springs.
- Montopolis Rec Center bond money for them.
- need a real recreation center west of IH35 not affiliated with YMCA (costs money to get in!)
- fix rec centers
- Would like to see more building addition to the Gus Garcia Rec Center. We have outgrown this facility. We are the only rec center e of Barnet Rd north of 183 of the city limits need it enlarged to meet there true needs of the community.
- Expansion of Rec Center in Dove Springs to include senior center and multi-purpose



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- connectivity improvement; district parks-improvements and renovations; neighborhood parks-improvement and renovation; rec facilities
- I want all the bond money to go to PARD & library projects w an emphasis for Gus Garcia Park.
- We need more parks in 787 area.
- Fix the Turner Roberts Rec Center.
- Needs more open spaces (parks) in neighborhoods within walking distance from residences.
- Place parks supporting corridors. Corridor improvements.
- Park project does not tie into lake side neighborhood over 800 residents. No park within 3 miles in any direction. We need adjoining property park to border Loyola up to lake side.
- Park improvements in Dc Austin.
- Members of the Austin Bond Advisory Board,
I'd like to suggest that you consider this list of improvements to the Hancock Golf Course and Recreation Center for inclusion among the projects you recommend for bond funding. Traffic and safety improvements for the 700 block of East 41st Street, which runs along the north border of the Course, are also included as the fourth item:
 1. Replacement of the irrigation piping with code-compliant material and connection of the system to the reclaimed water line on Red River.
 2. Completion of the pedestrian trail along the north and south edges of the course, including a new pedestrian bridge over Waller Creek on the south border.
 3. Installing all-weather turf on the soccer field.
 4. Parking improvements -- curbs, paving, and striping -- along 41st from Red River to the drive to the Rec Center.
 5. New signage for all four corners of the golf course (including mention that it's the oldest course in Texas).

The costs of the first item have been estimated at \$400,000 to \$500,000. Austin Water has agreed to fund the work but would recover its costs by withholding mitigation money normally paid when parts of the course are used for construction storage and staging. Rather than addressing the fundamental need for capital improvement to the oldest golf course in Texas, this strategy continues to starve the course of the resources it needs to gain and maintain fiscal health.

I'm unsure of the estimated costs for other items I've suggested, although I believe that the Austin Parks Foundation has valid estimates on the trail costs.

The soccer field at the southeast corner merits special mention. Although its use is supposed to be restricted to the teams or leagues that support it, that restriction can't feasibly be enforced, and the field is regularly used for pickup games and other "irregular" activities. As a result, the turf never has a chance to recover from its use and must frequently be re-seeded and closed, which, among other things, increases irrigation costs. A near-term capital expense might result in long-term savings but in any case would certainly allow more use of the site.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions and for your service on the Advisory Board. Please let me know if you have questions I can assist with. - Mark Burch



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- Remember Dorothy Turner and her neighborhood-Colony Park. For too long the city of Austin has neglected this east Austin neighborhood and the residents are tired of being neglected. We will rally the community and any of our issues will have at least 10% of our registered voters in our precinct on any issue that we feel is pertinent towards the future of our community.
- irrigation for heritage trees at public places where there is high tree mortality due to lack of water, such as the 4 public cemeteries (Oakwood and annex, AMP and Evergreen) and Polo Fields at Zilker Park. 2-4 additional water trucks for Forestry to water more heritage trees during the drought.
- I'd like to suggest that you consider this list of improvements to the Hancock Golf Course as well as traffic and safety improvements for the 700 block of East 41st Street (which runs along the north border of the Course) for inclusion among the projects you recommend for bond funding. 1. Replacement of the irrigation piping with code-compliant material and connection of the system to the reclaimed water line on Red River. 2. Minimalist 2-3 foot tall fencing around the entire course to discourage theft of rounds and unauthorized use of the course as a practice facility, dog run, party venue, pedestrian cut-through, and sports field. 2. Parking improvements -- curbs, paving, and striping -- along 41st from Red River to the drive to the Rec Center. 3. New signage for all four corners of the golf course (including mention that it's the oldest course in Texas). The costs of the first item have been estimated at \$400,000 to \$500,000. Austin Water has agreed to fund the work but would recover its costs by withholding mitigation money normally paid when parts of the course are used for construction storage and staging. Rather than addressing the fundamental need for capital improvement to the oldest golf course in Texas, this strategy continues to starve the course of the resources it needs to gain and maintain fiscal health.. The irregular activities listed in item two above create course deterioration and maintenance costs for which golfers should not be asked to shoulder the financial burden. A near-term capital expense might result in long-term savings and would certainly increase course playability and thereby golf revenues. Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions and for your service on the Advisory Board. Please let me know if you have questions I can assist with.
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- Neighborhood Plan needs should be flagged n project and program detail pages. PARD new Montopolis rec center.
- Implement the urban park initiative! East Austin needs more protected green spaces.
- Want my open space in north Austin (78753,78758); Lack of interest in the zips 78753/78758
- Great need for open space

Transportation/Mobility - related comments

- We want to draw your attention to the need for sidewalks in the most densely-populated area of Austin, which happens to be in the Central Austin Combined Neighborhoods Planning Area. Our planning area covers seven neighborhood associations, in this area where 50,000 people come and go from the University of Texas Campus almost daily. We have submitted lists of our most urgently needed sidewalks, some of which are on the projects listed in the communication from Melissa Laursen dated February 27, 2012. Those that made the list are these: Sidewalk on 28 ½ Street from Rio Grande to Shoal Crest (West University NPA), Sidewalk on 34th Street from Guadalupe to Speedway (North University NPA) , Sidewalk on Harris Avenue from Duval to Lee Elementary School (Hancock NPA). We write this letter to express strong support of the chosen projects, also to make a plea for two additional sidewalk projects. CANPAC encompasses three separate planning areas. The top priority for each of the planning areas was selected. However, West University Planning Area, the densest planning area in the entire City of Austin, is made up of four very dense neighborhoods. Each of the four neighborhoods is in dire need of sidewalks. We ask you to please consider adding the top priorities for Heritage Neighborhood, and Original West University Neighborhood. Longview from West 22nd Street to West 24th (Original West University Neighborhood in West University NPA) , 32nd Street from Lamar to Guadalupe (Hancock Neighborhood in West University NPA). Some may remember our progressive creation of the University Neighborhood Overlay, with a subsequent densification exceeding all expectations. This was done with a vision for a pedestrian friendly community that would support the added density. Our individual neighborhoods have supported bond projects in the past with the hopes of securing the funds to install the sidewalks necessary to achieve that vision. We hope to unanimously support this effort. For that reason, we respectfully request that you consider the additional two sidewalk projects outlined above. Nuria Zaragoza and Adam Stephens, Co-Chairs CANPAC Plan Team
- In reviewing the proposed Bond Project List, it seems that the Zilker area, and much of



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South Lamar / 78704, has been ignored while the rest of the city gets sidewalks, bike lanes, parkland, and critical infrastructure improvements. Over \$100 million is being proposed for North Lamar and Burnet Rd. improvements alone, yet not a single dollar is being dedicated to improving South Lamar. South Lamar and Barton Springs Rd are at the epicenter of new development. Thousands of new apartments and residents will be here in the next 2 years. The South Lamar communities will bear the brunt of more traffic and more people, while getting fewer of the things that help ease the transition. Please consider adding the following projects that are critical to the communities around South Lamar to the Bond proposal.

1. Mobility Corridor Study for South Lamar and Barton Springs Rd. These are two of the fastest growing corridors in the city, and warrant inclusion as a top priority for the 2012 Bond. Assessments, stakeholder meetings and planning is already under way for five of the city's other corridors as a part of the 2010 mobility bond. Considering the city's focus on sustainability and the critical location of South Lamar Blvd, a Mobility Corridor Study for South Lamar should be included in the 2012 Bond.
2. Pedestrian crossings along South Lamar As any bicyclist, pedestrian and public transit users knows, the opportunities to safely cross South Lamar are few and far between. It is abundantly clear that in addition to an overall corridor study, pedestrian crossings such as those along South First Street and South Congress Avenue are needed immediately. The distance from Barton Springs Road to Ben White Road is 3.1 miles. There are several areas where traffic signals are too far apart to be practical to pedestrians and public transit users. Barton Springs Drive to Treadwell Street: 0.4 miles Lamar Square Drive to Mary Street/Hether Street: 0.4 miles Oltorf Street to Bluebonnet Lane: 0.4 miles Bluebonnet Lane to Manchaca: 0.3 miles Barton Skyway to Panther Trail 0.5 miles
3. Sidewalk along Kinney Avenue (parallel to South Lamar) Upgrading the deteriorated sections of sidewalks on Kinney Avenue should be a priority as the existing sidewalks are impassable and nonexistent in some areas. Kinney Avenue is a major north/south corridor in the Zilker Neighborhood. These deteriorated and missing sections of sidewalk require pedestrians with strollers, tricycles or wheelchairs to move into the street.
4. Sidewalk along Mary Street from South Lamar to South 5th Street Completing the sidewalk along Mary Street from South 5th to Lamar is a major connectivity need in the area. Mary St. has a railroad crossing, nearby public housing units with many children, the Twin Oaks Public Library and is one of the major east-west arterials connecting the growing and vibrant neighborhoods of South Austin. This has been a major priority for both neighborhoods for years! Completing the sidewalk along this corridor is a critical need and must be addressed in the 2012 election.
5. Sidewalk along Treadwell Street from South Lamar to Kinney Avenue Treadwell Street is one of the major entry corridors into the Zilker Neighborhood. With redevelopment of Lamar Plaza coming, greater connectivity between South Lamar and Kinney Avenue is critical to pedestrian accessibility from within and across neighborhoods.
6. Fixing and widening the Barton Springs Rd. bridge over Barton Creek This bridge is already a hazard for bicyclists and pedestrians. It's limited dimensions form a choke point for non-automotive traffic at an extremely busy intersection. Added to the problem is that the bridge was recently hit along Robert E. Lee, leaving it exposed and crumbling on one side.



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- Please consider allocating bond money for sidewalks in these two locations: Treadwell between Jessie and Kinney (2 blocks)--- This section of Treadwell is the only way for children in the 7 blocks of Okie Heights subdivision to get to Zilker Elementary. Also it connects the rest of the Zilker Neighborhood with the soon-to-be-renovated Lamar Plaza. West Mary on either side of the railroad tracks---These few blocks are used by a large part of Bouldin Neighborhood to get to Lamar Blvd. Also this section directly feeds the new branch library.
- Please build lantern style lighting (like milago) and sidewalks on rainy street. Pedestrians in street someone will get hit! Please move Rainey to top of sidewalk list.
- Because of the retail (Bar/Restaurant) growth in and around Rainey/Davis street, we need bond money to install sidewalks on both sides of the street on Rainey/Davis/Red River. We are up to 15 bars and no continuous sidewalks so pedestrians work in street. Total safety and ADA issue. Lighting also needs to be improved. The lantern street lighting like at south end of Rainy.
- More bike lanes and better sidewalks everywhere. Bike lanes to make it easier/safer for people to bike to/from work, events around town etc. Better sidewalks to make it safer for people to walk around their neighborhoods.
- Increase Focus on bike trails, bike lanes, and bike accessibility throughout the city- more people on bikes means reduced traffic congestion, healthier residents and reduced road damage and maintenance costs. Sidewalks in lower-income and more dense/urban areas will help improve community involvement, pride, etc and help reduce crime. Make our communities walkable!
- Why is the East 51st st Vision Plan not included for consideration? Projects submitted by the community are not included in the discussion. The community input process is flawed. The community submitted projects are ultimately included in the bond package at the expense of projects discussed at community meetings, your public process has very little confidence in the general projector bond. In this process we were asked to make too many decisions, with to little information.
- Sidewalk to Franklin Park and open lit walk way from maufrais Lane to park.
- Sidewalks and park access from maufrais lane to franklin park.
- transportation
- Rail line development; Mckinney Falls trail connection; button Bond to road completion
- Needs-sidewalks, intersections,
- Lets delay the urban rail so that we can put more than 200/300/400 million into the poor area discussed. We can always pick up the urban rail discussion at a later date.
- Hyde Park Plaza-43rd & Duval; Sidewalks both sides of speedway 38-51; sidewalks 38th-45th; lights on 43rd; Corridor plan for Hyde Park/Guadalupe 38-45th. Need planning before sidewalk/bike improvements; Concentration of current project that has Fed. "Save America's Treasures"
- why isn't the traffic light system on the list? Needs to be upgraded all over town. That would solve a lot of problems;
- N. Lamar/ Burnet Road improvements 75% transportation/mobility 25% PARD
- Necesitatmos transporte sugro. Somos ninos, ancianos, personas con incapacidades. Usamos la ruta, no vehiculos prirados. (We need safe transportation.



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We are children, seniors and people with disabilities. We ride the bus and don't have private vehicles.)

- ADA sidewalks (a must); IH 35 improvements (a must)
- North Lamar Burnet study regulation
- North Lamar bike corridor. Faster work on Northern Walnut Creek hike bike trail.
- N. Lamar & Burnett Rd projects should be started to improve transportation, make it safer for pedestrians, and make the streetscape more attractive.
- Burnett & Lamar corridors- plus computer controlled traffic lights.
- Lamar needs improvement down to 183
- Support for north lamar/burnet study.

Other comments

- As of 8/31/2011, the Texas Bond Review Board reports that the City of Austin has outstanding bond debt totalling over \$7.5 billion, about \$5 billion in principal and \$2.5 billion in interest! Yes, that's BILLIONS! The last bond referendum I recall was the \$90 million transportation bond package in 2010, which included the voter-approved-for-\$17.3 million Lady Bird Lake boardwalk which is now stated, by councilman Mike Martinez, to be a project that was intentionally under-valued, and the bids for the project are now \$3-5 million greater than what was approved by the taxpayers. Why should that project not have to go back to the voters for approval at the new price tag instead of using money that was approved for other bond projects to complete the boardwalk at a price that was not approved by voters? Why are we borrowing more money anyway? The economy has not recovered, cities and counties around the country are dying under their debt. Why is the City not trying to find a more fiscally-responsible way to operate? With the cash-flow that this city has, it should be able to operate on a cash basis, with zero or at least far less debt. These bond referendums are not presented to the taxpayers in a manner which accurately represent their effect on the taxpayer. If they were, I don't believe they would pass. They should not be presented as bond referendums, they should be called what they are, DEBT! Yes, it helps spread the cost to future generations and yes we are growing, but no one ever mentions the cost of the debt. \$2.5 billion dollars in interest alone right now! The average citizen does not know how much the city already owes and it's not on the city's website anywhere, it should be on the ballot! It can be found by googling Texas Bond Review Board and using the searchable database. Williamson County owes \$1.2 billion and Travis County owes \$822 million, where does the debt stop? Our cities and counties need to find a way to leverage the cashflow of the tax revenue and operate on a largely cash basis, that's the responsible way to handle our tax dollars, not use it to keep a AAA bond rating to facilitate more borrowing. In your efforts to seek public input on how to spend the money, has anyone thought to ask if the public believes we should borrow more money? It looks to me like taxpayer dollars are used to market these bond packages to the taxpayers, but not to present the other side and to accurately portray the economics of it to the taxpayers. Look at the statement above, "show the city where to spend bond money", it makes no mention of how much is already owed and how much it will increase taxes now or in the future. The question should be, "do you want to city to borrow money to buy things it can't afford now and



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- First, my thanks to all of you for the work you've undertaken. Having been in your shoes for both the 1996 Travis County and the City of Austin 1998 bond processes, I know how draining, frustrating, and exciting this work can be. I'm not advocating for any issue. But I would like to ask that in your deliberations you consider: 1. The ongoing demand on the City's operations budget that any capital project will require. My guess is that the average citizen, when they vote on a project A that has a price tag of X, will believe that X represents the total cost to Austin citizens of the project. They will not factor in added personnel hires, utility/ maintenance costs medical benefits, and retirement/pension benefits that will ensue. So I would ask that you make public the true total cost of the project (over the life of the asset). 2. Clearly identify the amount of each project's bond price that will be allocated to overhead for planning etc.. We heard that sometimes project can carry a 40% overhead burden. If your mission is to propose a package with the best overall value, it would make sense to me that citizens know which projects can be done with a minimum of overhead expense. 3. To ensure that the capital projects represent fair equity investments across the city I would suggest that you direct the City to provide a graphic/shapefile/map that shows the amount (in constant 2012 dollars) that has been spent on each project going back at least 20 years. The amount should be displayed as graphic feature at the geographic spot where the money was spent. This will aid citizens in determining if the city (north side, east side, south side, west side) has reasonably allocated bond dollars. Your work is important. Keep the faith..
- As a city employee and having heard from the individuals in my group it is evident the lack of funding to the Dove Springs area, up to this point, has fueled the community. Furthermore the lack of consideration for the Dove Springs area in the current bond proposition is further evidence that the city is failing the underserved.
- Allocate funds for neighborhood projects according to the ratio of neighborhood population to total population.
- Keeping the neighborhood plan and for bond to help assist all neighborhood planning with their needs.
- Split bonds into 4 different bonds to vote on for each category. Total of 200 million expense. No urban rail on top of these , too much to high tax increase. Wait untill bond debt goes down to incur more debt. Prioritize bond projects by need, urgency not just desires- there are to many wishes. Waller Creek should be paid by conservancy not in bonds- Same with their prjects their community/partners, committed to pay for. Priority in parks/open spaces
- 400 million is not enough bond authorization; a more realistic figure is 800 million- that is 1000 for every person living in the city of Austin.
- Not one penny for 78701!; "Guiding Principles" are bogus- they represent decisions made by staff- not citizens- and are biased. Decisions should only be based on need;



COMMUNITY INPUT

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- This almost seemed futile in that out of 1 and a half billion dollars in request that is less than 1/3rd of the requests will be even considered in a vote. So many seemed like necessary repairs or replacements. A 400 million request was not nearly enough of a request. God help the city of Austin if even less than the 400 million amount goes forward. But we do appreciate this type of forum it is an interesting method of interaction.
- Please pay attention to 78758 area/zip code. We have a lot of people but do not receive the appropriate funding per capita.
- Help immigrants use city trash containers correctly and to call if one gets broken
- I'd set more importance to issues outside of downtown and place more on the north Austin area.
- can we just stop incurring debt instead?

INTERIM DOT VOTING RESULTS - 3 workshops				3/27/2012
Affordable Housing				# of dots
Department	ID	Title	Cost Estimate	
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development	10027.001	Colony Park - Street and Utility Infrastructure	\$1,500,000	8
	10089.001	Housing Affordability	\$75,000,000	47
Totals			\$76,500,000	
City Facilities				
Department	ID	Title	Cost Estimate	
Austin Public Library	9567.006	Austin History Center Interior & Exterior Improvements	\$1,168,000	13
	9567.017	Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project	\$684,000	2
	9567.008	Milwood Branch Library Renovation	\$1,066,000	
	9567.015	Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade	\$1,234,000	6
	9567.007	Renovation of Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill	\$1,340,000	
	9567.010	University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion	\$1,022,000	4
	9567.019	Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project	\$439,000	6
	9567.018	Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project	\$592,000	1
	9567.002	Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade	\$497,000	2
Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services	9843.001	Small Business Development Program Facility	\$2,000,000	3
EMS	9563.001	Ambulance Truck Bay Expansion	\$3,788,000	3
Fire	9565.005	Drill Field Lights	\$500,000	
	9575.005	Fire Maintenance & Breathing Air Shops	\$14,852,000	8
	9575.007	Fire Station - Grand Ave Pkwy	\$9,401,000	
	9575.001	Fire Station - Loop 360 Area	\$10,355,000	1
	9575.006	Fire Station - Onion Creek	\$9,363,000	6
	9575.004	Fire Station - Travis Country	\$10,193,000	4
	9575.003	Fire Station 1 Replacement With New Fire/Ems Headquarters	\$76,352,000	6
	9565.002	Fire Stations Driveway Replacements	\$2,581,000	7
	9565.004	Pleasant Valley Drill Tower - Repair & Renovation	\$819,000	4
	9565.003	Shaw Ln Drill Field and Drill Towers - Repair & Renovation	\$1,185,000	
	9565.001	Women's Locker Room Additions Phase 5 - #5,7,22,24,26,27	\$2,053,000	4
	9565.006	Women's Locker Room Additions Phase 6 - #2,9-12,16	\$1,161,000	4
General Facilities	9574.002	911 Dispatch Center Expansion at CTECC	\$102,603,000	10
	9564.001	Elevators Code Compliance	\$1,428,000	3
	9564.010	Rutherford Lane Renovations	\$1,727,000	
Health and Human Services Department	9576.001	Betty Dunkerley Campus -- Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,923,000	1
	9576.005	Betty Dunkerley Campus -- Neighborhood Activity Center	\$8,450,000	3
	9576.002	Parking Lot Expansion for Montopolis Neighborhood Center & Far South Clinic	\$777,000	4
	9566.002	Women & Children's Shelter Repairs	\$1,841,000	16
Parks and Recreation	9579.004	Central Maintenance Complex - Renovation and Urban Forestry Expansion	\$7,000,000	1

Department	9579.007	New Facilities - South District Maintenance Facility	\$2,250,000	2
	9579.003	Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park - District Maintenance Facility	\$1,650,000	7
	9579.006	Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park - Northeast District Maint Yard Impv	\$1,650,000	1
	9579.001	Zilker Metropolitan Park - Maintenance Barn Replacement	\$2,750,000	2
Police	9580.005	Air Operations Unit	\$3,079,000	8
	9580.003	APD Main Headquarters Facility	\$78,056,000	42
	9580.004	Central West Substation	\$21,400,000	5
	9570.001	Mounted Patrol Facility	\$3,665,000	6
	9580.002	North West Substation	\$15,733,000	3
	9580.006	Park Patrol Facility	\$4,724,000	14
	9580.001	South West Substation	\$16,213,000	
Public Works	9581.002	Harold Court Facility	\$16,125,000	1
	9581.003	Manor Road Facility	\$5,810,000	2
Totals			\$451,499,000	

Parks and Open Space

Department	ID	Title	Cost Estimate	
Parks and Recreation Department	9569.001	Building Renovations	\$2,300,000	2
	9569.002	Cemetery Renovations	\$4,000,000	8
	9569.007	Connectivity Improvements	\$2,000,000	10
	9663.013	District Parks - Improvements and Renovations	\$13,000,000	19
	9663.001	Dougherty Arts Center - Co-developed Facility	\$4,000,000	
	9569.004	Downtown Squares	\$2,000,000	2
	9663.013	Elisabet Ney Museum - Restoration of Building and Landscape	\$1,250,000	6
	9668.008	Greenbelts and Preserves - Improvements and Renovations	\$5,000,000	11
	9569.011	Land Acquisitions	\$7,000,000	18
	9664.013	Metropolitan Parks - Improvements and Renovations	\$33,300,000	14
	9663.002	Montopolis Neighborhood Park - Community Building	\$9,000,000	1
	9666.035	Neighborhood Parks - Improvements and Renovations	\$15,000,000	25
	9663.009	New Facilities - Seaholm Intake Facility Redevelopment	\$800,000	
	9667.007	Pocket Parks - Improvements and Renovations	\$1,300,000	8
	9569.003	Recreation Facilities	\$15,000,000	8
	9666.002	Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park - Phase 1 Park Improvements (Waller Creek District/Waller Creek Conservancy)	\$1,500,000	
	9569.005	Sustainability Improvements	\$1,400,000	2
	9666.005	Waterloo Neighborhood Park - Phase I Park Improvements (Waller Creek District/Waller Creek Conservancy)	\$1,500,000	2
	9663.003	Zilker Metropolitan Park - Barton Springs Bathhouse Renovation	\$2,250,000	3
	9663.020	Zilker Metropolitan Park - Umlauf Master Plan Renovation	\$800,000	1
	9663.012	Zilker Nature Preserve - Clubhouse Renovation	\$3,600,000	2
Planning and Development Review	9706.024	Gus Garcia Neighborhood Park - Additional Improvements	\$1,500,000	32
	9706.049	Neighborhood Plan Parks Improvements and Open Space Program	\$22,000,000	18
	9705.001	Waller Creek & Trail Improvements (Waller Creek District/Waller Creek Conservancy)	\$40,500,000	7

Watershed Protection Department	9590.153	Open Space Acquisition	\$50,000,000	11
Totals			\$240,000,000	

Transportation/Mobility

Department	ID	Title	Cost Estimate	
Austin Transportation Department	9584.012	Airport Blvd Corridor Improvements	\$4,700,000	3
	9584.048	Arterial Congestion & Crash Risk Mitigation	\$41,000,000	4
	9584.018	At-Grade Railroad Crossings	\$5,000,000	3
	9584.016	Burnet Rd Corridor Improvements	\$27,500,000	43
	9584.006	COA-Travis County Partnership Projects	\$13,500,000	7
	9584.005	COA-TxDOT Partnership Projects	\$25,000,000	6
	9584.017	FM 969 Corridor Improvements	\$7,000,000	4
	9584.002	IH-35 Improvements	\$50,000,000	17
	9584.013	Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Project	\$8,000,000	2
	9584.003	Loop 360 Improvements	\$15,000,000	
	9584.004	MoPac Improvements	\$25,000,000	4
	9584.015	N Lamar Blvd Corridor Improvements	\$24,800,000	59
	9584.007	Railroad Grade Separations	\$25,000,000	1
	9584.014	Riverside Dr Corridor Improvements	\$3,000,000	1
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development	10026.001	12th Street Streetscape Improvements	\$14,600,000	2
Planning and Development Review	9583.006	Alexander Blvd / Manor Rd to MLK (MLK TOD Station Area Plan)	\$4,900,000	1
	9706.013	Bike/Ped Facilities along 4th/5th St. Rail Corridor	\$1,800,000	2
	9703.008	Congress Ave. Streetscape Imprv/Cesar Chavez to 11th (Downtown Austin Plan)	\$16,500,000	
	9704.011	Downtown Austin Plan Bicycle Improvements	\$8,600,000	3
	9704.009	Downtown Austin Plan Sidewalk Gap Improvements (Rainey Street area)	\$500,000	
	9583.007	E. 5th St / Onion St to Robert Martinez, Jr Blvd (Plaza Saltillo Area Plan)	\$7,750,000	
	9703.005	E. 6th St - Congress Ave. to IH-35 (Downtown Austin Plan)	\$18,000,000	
	9583.001	E. 7th St / IH 35 to Navasota (Plaza Saltillo Area Plan)	\$3,600,000	
	9705.002	E. Riverside Crosswalk /IH 35toHwy 71 (East Riverside Corridor Master Plan)	\$3,500,000	1
	9706.018	Extend Country Club Creek Trail from Burleson to Mabel Davis Park	\$800,000	1
	9703.022	Great Streets Program	\$72,000,000	1
	9583.005	Lamar Blvd / Airport Intersection Reconfiguration	\$2,100,000	7
	9583.004	N. Burnet Rd. Streetscape & Roadway Imprv / U.S. 183 to Mopac	\$34,600,000	15
	9706.029	N. Lamar Streetscape & Roadway Imprv / Research to Rundberg	\$13,700,000	37
	9706.050	Neighborhood Plan Bike and Trail Facilities Program	\$12,000,000	3
	9706.051	Neighborhood Plan Sidewalks Program	\$13,500,000	18
	9583.002	Sabine Street "Promenade" (Waller Creek District /Waller Creek Conservancy)	\$10,700,000	2
	9704.010	Two-Way Conversions (Downtown Austin Plan)	\$3,400,000	1

	9583.003	Waller Creek Roadway Improvements (Waller Creek District/ Waller Creek Conservancy)	\$8,800,000	1
Public Works	9589.004	Austin to Manor Trail Phase 2	\$5,200,000	4
	9684.007	Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek	\$4,800,000	6
	9589.009	Bicycle Grant Match & IDIQ/General Bike Plan Implementation	\$2,216,000	6
	9684.010	Cesar Chavez at Red River Sidewalk Improvements and Retaining Wall	\$305,000	
	9589.001	City Wide Bikeways	\$3,250,000	11
	9588.001	City Wide Sidewalks, Ramps, Curbs and Gutters	\$45,000,000	39
	9589.015	Country Club Creek, Riverside to Oltorf	\$1,200,000	12
	9684.008	Delwau Road Bridge over South Boggy Creek	\$1,700,000	1
	9684.003	Emmett Shelton Bridge on Red Bud Trail	\$18,630,000	1
	9684.002	Minor Bridges and Culverts	\$2,258,000	2
	9589.003	MoPAC Bicycle Bridge at Barton Creek Phase 1 and 2	\$4,000,000	1
	9588.006	Neighborhood Partnering Program	\$1,200,000	20
	9684.009	Riverside Drive Retaining Wall Improvements	\$1,000,000	
	9684.006	Slaughter Lane MSE Wall Repairs (Both Ends)	\$5,000,000	
	9587.015	Street Reconstruction Program	\$90,000,000	15
	9589.007	Urban Trail & Grant Match Projects	\$4,900,000	6
	9589.010	Widen Pleasant Valley Road - Longhorn Dam to Lakeshore	\$950,000	1
	9684.005	William Cannon Drive Misc. Wall Repairs (East)	\$3,000,000	2
	9684.004	William Cannon Drive Misc. Wall Repairs (West)	\$4,200,000	1
Totals			\$724,659,000	